

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): P. Bonutti et al.

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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR SECURING  
BODY TISSUE

Examiner: Mark F. Mashack

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop: Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 1, 2009, please enter the following amendments and remarks into the file of the above-identified application. In accordance with USPTO practice, each section of this Response begins on a separate sheet.